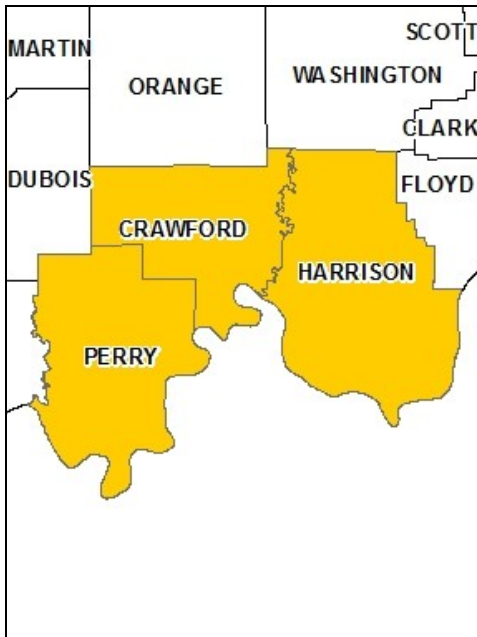




2015 Clean Water Indiana Grant Program

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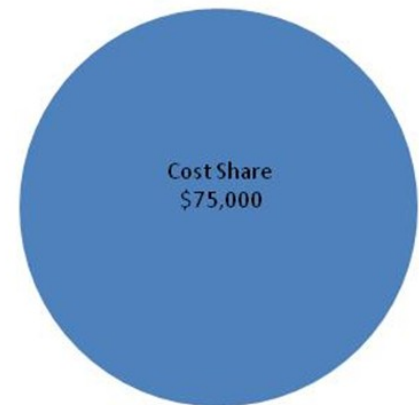


LEAD DISTRICT: CRAWFORD
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS:
HARRISON, PERRY
PROJECT NAME: ENHANCEMENT OF
SOIL HEALTH THROUGH LIVESTOCK &
AGRONOMIC CONSERVATION
PRACTICES
PROJECT DATES: 5/1/2015-4/30/2017
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$75,000

Purpose: Reduce resource concerns on livestock pasture

This program is to encourage the adoption of pasture land improvement, cover crops, grazing distribution, reduce grazing pressure on sensitive areas, preventing compaction, reducing waste run-off, reducing sedimentation and promoting animal welfare and soil health that will address soil quality degradation and the associated resource concerns on pasture land and crop land. These practices will reduce soil erosion and improve soil health, soil and water quality by providing adequate ground cover, root mass and vegetative retardance. These practices will also reduce soil compaction and increase organic matter. It will also decrease off-site sedimentation and reduce sheet/rill erosion to T or below which will decrease sediment and turbidity in sensitive streams. This program is important to our counties because of our high ranking in the state for cattle which Harrison County is 7th, Perry 22nd and Crawford 48th.

PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
NRCS, CRAWFORD, HARRISON, AND
PERRY COUNTY PURDUE EXTENSION
OFFICES, CRAWFORD, HARRISON, AND
PERRY COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S
ASSOCIATIONS, LINCOLN HILLS RC&D,
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, AND CCSI.



Lincoln Hills RC&D with assist with meetings and promote the project.

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2015, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 14 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,020,900. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).